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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, directed to claims 1-11, drawn to an alignment of an object, classified in class 382, subclass 151.

Respectfully submitted,

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